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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application

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For: Inducing Cellular Immune Responses to Hepatitis B Virus Using Peptide Compositions

Inventors: SETTE et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 along with Exhibit A.

The above-listed documents are filed electronically through EFS-Web.

In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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